

Camp Russell, Va

Dec. 3rd 1864

Dear Brother,

I *recieved* your letter yesterday and was very sorry to hear that you were getting along so poorly. I had no idea of your wound being so bad, when I came back to the company they boys told me that your wound was only a flesh wound, and that you was getting along first-rate.

I spoke to Lieut. Brown about your Descriptive List and he said he would send it immediately, he said he would have sent it before if he had known what Hospital you was in.

We are fixing up for winter quarters here, the boys have all got log houses built with stone fire places in them so that they are quite comfortable, if they will let us stay in them long enough to make it pay for building we will be satisfied but don't expect they will.

You think that I am full of fight yet, well I don't know but I am but I can't see "the point."

They come near taking the fight of the whole Regt. the 19th of Oct. we had a very narrow escape. I suppose that you have heard that Capt. Underhill was taken prisoner and also George Tyler, John Barrett, and Bill Burch. Bill was lame and could not run fast enough to get out of the way, but I tell you we paid them for it before night.

Homer and Jerry have just arrived from home, they are well. Jim Dunn & Dan Kinney started with them but had to report to the hospital, quite a number of the boys that were wounded at Winchester are on their way here, the boys that are here are all well and send their best respects to you.

You must keep up good courage and with mother's care you may get well and I hope with both legs but it will take a long time probably.

I have written you all the news there is to write.

From your Brother,

J. F. Brand

Write often if you are able and for I am quite anxious to know how you get along.

J. F. B.